

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-252

April 9, 2003

OXFORD NETWORKS
Request for Authorization to Provide
Facility-Based Competitive Local Exchange
Service in the Lewiston/Auburn Area

ORDER APPROVING
APPLICATION TO AMEND
ORDER REGARDING SCOPE
OF AUTHORITY

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On April 4, 2003, Oxford County Telephone Service Company d/b/a Oxford Networks filed a petition to expand its service territory for facilities-based local exchange service to areas beyond those authorized in our order granting authority to provide service in Docket No. 2000-310, dated May 3, 2000.

On March 30, 1999, in Docket No. 99-187, the Commission delegated to the Director of Technical Analysis the authority under 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105 to approve service territory changes by local exchange carriers.

For local exchange carriers (LECs) seeking to provide facilities-based local exchange service, the Director must initially make a determination that a LEC has made a reasonable showing that it will be providing facilities-based service to the area in question within six months.

The Commission staff has reviewed the documents submitted by Oxford Networks relating to facilities readiness and has determined that it has made a reasonable showing that it will be providing service within six months in the area listed in the ordering paragraphs below.

Accordingly,

1. I FIND, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105, that the public convenience and necessity requires the provision of additional facilities-based local exchange service in the area listed below, also served by another telephone utility, and hereby AUTHORIZE Oxford Networks to provide facilities-based local exchange service in the areas defined as the Lewiston exchange of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Verizon-Maine; and

2. I DIRECT Oxford Networks to file revised terms and conditions consistent with the Oxford Network authority granted today.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 9th day of April, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF
TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington
Acting Director of Technical Analysis